

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Original) Method of supplying oil from a first floating structure to an offloading structure, comprising the steps of:

- providing a flexible duct extending between the two structures at a water depth of between 50m and 500mm, the duct comprising an inner wall (21) of a flexible elastomeric material and having an internal diameter of at least 500 mm and a length of between 1500 and 3000m,

- providing at least one pump at the first structure and pumping the oil through the duct at a pressure between 5 bar and 30 bar and at a flow rate between 1000 and 50.000 m³/hr, characterised in

- providing a single flexible duct, and

- providing a wall thickness of the duct such that at water temperatures between 2°C and 20°C, preferably between 2°C and 20°C, the oil comprises at the first structure an inlet temperature T_{in} and at the second structure an outlet

temperature T_0 which is such that $T_{in} - T_0$ is smaller than or equal to 15°C , preferably smaller than 5°C .

2. (Original) Method according to claim 1, providing a wall with a heat transfer coefficient smaller than 10 W/mK , preferably between 0.1 and 1 W/mK .

3. (Original) Method according to claim 1, comprising the step of providing an insulating material around the duct with having buoyancy.

4. (Currently Amended) Method of claim 1, ~~2 or 3~~, comprising the step of providing a friction reduction layer on the inner wall of the duct.

5. (New) Method of claim 2, comprising the step of providing a friction reduction layer on the inner wall of the duct.

6. (New) Method of claim 3, comprising the step of providing a friction reduction layer on the inner wall of the duct.